

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, claim 1 was presented for examination. Claims 2-4, 8, and 9 were previously withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected species. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The following remarks are provided in support of the pending claims and responsive to the Office Action of January 10, 2007 for the pending application.

I. Examiner Interview

On February 15, 2007, Applicant's Attorney and Examiner Hoge discussed the rejection of claim 1 in the outstanding Office Action. More specifically, Examiner Hoge and Applicants' Attorney discussed the clarification of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Subsequent to the interview, Applicants' Attorney presented Examiner Hoge with a draft proposed amendment to claim 1. Examiner Hoge and Applicants' Attorney continued the discussion of the proposed amendment to claim 1 on February 21, 2007. During this discussion, Examiner Hoge indicated his preliminary approval of the amendment subject to one change in the final clause. Accordingly, the amendment to claim 1 as presented in this Response includes the Examiner's suggested change, and based upon the included change has already received preliminary approval from Examiner Hoge.

II. Rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. More specifically, the Examiner raised an issue with the method claimed being in a contradictory format to that disclosed in the specification. Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove the contradictory format associated with a position of the flap tab portion about a seam. The amendment to claim 1 is in compliance with the method disclosed in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner remove the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

III. Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate allowability of claim 1, and that the application pass to issue. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

For the reasons outlined above, withdrawal of the rejection of record and an allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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